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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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8 TROY T. SMITH,  
9 Plaintiff,  
10 v.  
11 SPOKANE COUNTY, *et al.*,  
12 Defendants.

NO. CV-06-325-RHW

**ORDER DENYING STIPULATED  
MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

13 Before the Court is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Protective Order (Ct.  
14 Rec. 15). The motion was heard without oral argument.

15 The parties stipulate to the need for a protective order for certain information  
16 disclosed to Plaintiff's counsel by Defendants. The parties indicate that evidence  
17 that has been Bates stamped 1 through 821 pages should be subject to the  
18 protective order. It appears that the protective order would preclude this evidence  
19 from being made public without agreement of counsel or Court order.

20 Generally, the manner in which the parties agree to manage the  
21 dissemination and use of the information between themselves during the discovery  
22 process does not cause the Court concern. It is the policy of this District and the  
23 Judges therein not to enter blanket Protective Orders. Additionally, to the extent  
24 the parties are seeking to preclude the filing of Bates stamped 1-821 pages in the  
25 public record, the Court declines to enter such a protective order. Rather, the  
26 parties will be required to make the requisite showing of good cause before the  
27 Court will order that any evidence be filed under seal.  
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**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Protective Order (Ct. Rec. 15) is  
**DENIED.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is hereby directed to enter this Order and to furnish copies to counsel.

**DATED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

*s/Robert H. Whaley*

ROBERT H. WHALEY  
Chief United States District Judge

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